

VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING
Task Force for Regulation of Medication Aides
Curriculum Development Sub-committee Meeting
June 30, 2006

TIME AND PLACE: The meeting of the Curriculum Development Sub-committee of the Task Force for Regulation of Medication Aides of the Virginia Board of Nursing was called to order at 10:06 a.m. by Woody Hanes in Conference Room 3, Department of Health Professions, 6603 West Broad Street, Richmond, Virginia.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Woody B. Hanes, R.N., M.S.N., F.N.P., Sub-Committee Chairperson
Lynne M. Cooper, Medication Aide Committee Chairperson

STAFF PRESENT:

Jay P. Douglas, RN, MSM, CSAC, Executive Director
Paula B. Saxby, R.N., Ph.D., Deputy Executive Director, Education
Elaine Yeatts, Senior Policy Analyst, DHP

TASK FORCE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Joanne Alston-Hooker, R.N., Williamson's Health Care Network
Sherry P. Broussard, RN.C., Kindred Pharmacy Services
Mary Ann Kirkpatrick, Ph.D., Shenandoah University
Deborah Lloyd, RN, Dept. of Social Services, Licensing Programs
Christine A. Stacy, R.N., M.S., Adult Care Education Consultants, L.L.C.
Julie Wine, LPN, Dept. of Social Services

INTERESTED PARTIES PRESENT:

Roy Bryant, VAHA
Dianne Catuska, H.H. Hunt/VALA
Carter Harrison, Alzheimer's Association
Mable Jones, VAHA

TOPICS OF DISCUSSION: Minutes were reviewed and approved from the April 10, 2006 meeting.

Elaine Yeatts presented a timeline for promulgation of regulations for medication aides. The public comment period is from 6/26/06 to 8/25/06 with a public hearing at the next Board of Nursing meeting on 7/18/06 at 11:30 a.m. at DHP, in Conference Room 2. Adoption of final regulation will be 9/19/06 with the effective date of July 1, 2007. The RFP for testing has been sent out (June 2006) with proposals due in August 2006.

Christine Stacy presented a draft curriculum update with specific chapters, references, and appendices. The committee reviewed the details in Chapter 1, Legal and Ethical Issues, and discussed the format for the entire curriculum. The committee discussed adding information on body systems with an intro to anatomy & physiology for each type of medication (eye drops, ear drops, oral, and topical preparations, etc.). Ms. Stacy will re-write the curriculum using the

discussed format and submit to the committee for review and critique in August 2006.

The sub-committee discussed the use of insulin pumps by medication aides. It was reported that RN's and LPN's do not administer insulin pumps, and that the insulin pumps are to be used by the individual patient/client only, therefore, medication aides would not be responsible for insulin pumps. The administration of insulin will be a separate chapter at the end of the curriculum.

FUTURE MEETINGS: Next Curriculum Development Sub-committee will meet sometime in August 2006 (specific date to be determined) at the Department of Health Professions, 6603 West Broad Street, Richmond, Virginia.

ADJOURNMENT: The Task Force sub-committee meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m..

Paula B. Saxby, R.N., Ph.D.
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